(c) whether licences have been issued as per the quota fixed for Scheduled Castes;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which licences quota will be fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c). Only one Letter of Intent has been issued by the oil company for opening of a retail outlet dealership in Fatehpur District of Uttar Pradesh from April, 1995 till date. This is under 'Open' category.

(d) to (e). Reservation quota for different sections of the society is maintained on State oasis.

[English]

Waiving Rent Arrears

2354. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have waived rent arrears of some of the VIPs residing in Government Bungalows;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification thereof;

(c) the amount of rent arrears outstanding against VIPs in Delhi as on 1st June, 1996; and

(d) by when the outstanding arrears of amount would be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). The relevant information for the last one year is given in the Statement enclosed.

(c) The amount of the rent arrears outstanding against VIPs as on 30th June, 1996 is Rs. 1.7 crores.

(d) Demand letters to the VIPs against whom the rent arrears are outsanding are issued from time to time. Recovery proceedings have been/are being initiated against the defaulters for recovery of dues under the PP Act.

STATEMENT

Cases of Rent waivers of VIPs residing in Government Bungalows

S. No.	Name and Accommodation No.	Reasons and justification for waiver of rent
1	2	3
1.	Sh. B.N. Pandey 1, Lodi Estate	Allotment of the Bungalow No. 1, Lodi Estate w.e.f. 24.12.94 has been regularised on payment of normal licence fee instead of damages charges, since Shri Pandey is a freedom fighter and does not own a house in Delhi.
2.	Sh. D.N. Dwivedi 1-B, Maulana Azad Road	Shri Dwivedi after demitting the office as Addl. Solicitor Genl. of India could not vacate the accommodation during the stipulated period due to his personal problems. He has been allowed to retain the accommodation beyond the stipulated period on the recommendations of former Prime Minister.
3.	Pt. Ravi Shankar 95, Lodi Estate	Pt. Ravi Shankar ceased to be MP (RS) on 11.5.92. He was required to vacate the accommodation by 11.6.92. He requested for retention of the accommodation in his capacity as an eminent artist. Competent Authority allowed to retain the accommodation w.e.f. 11.6.92 to 6.10.95 on payment of normal licence fee instead of damages charges.
4.	Dr. (Mrs.) R.K. Vajpayee, DI/17, Bharti Nagar	Accommodation has been regularised for her life time in her capacity as a freedom fighter.

Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund

2355. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) has recently advanced a loan to the Government of India for system improvement projects and small hydro-power systems in various States;

(b) if so, details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the terms and conditions thereof;

(d) whether the Government of India and the Rural Electrification Corporation have charged enhanced rate of interest from the beneficiary States/agencies in relation to the OECF interest; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) and (e). Government of India, which has to absorb the foreign exchange risk has made available the earlier OECF loan for the first such project of REC at a rate of interest of 12% per annum repayable in 15 years including a moratorium period of 5 years.

Apart from the OECF loan, REC provides funds to State Electricity Boards and Cooperative Societies for implementation of various RE programmes under Cooperative, Dalit Bastis, Village Electrification and Pumpset Energisation. The lending for these programmes is based on varying rates of interest involving cross-subsidisation, as a result of which REC operates on very low margins. Moreover, the risk of recoveries of loans by REC is high as repayment period have a long spread without any effective guarantee for timely repayment.

Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project

2356. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total foreign assistance was made available for Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project in West Bengal;

(b) total cost of project as on January 1, 1990 and the revised estimate cost at present; and

(c) the name of the consultancy group attached to Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan have agreed to provide a total loan assistance of 35,728 Million yen (27,069 Million Yen for Unit 1 and 2 and 8659 Million Yen for unit 3) to finance the construction of Units 1, 2 and 3 (3x210 MW) of Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project.

(b) The Bakreshwar Project was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in July, 1993, at an estimated cost of Rs. 3052.53 crores with the project consisting of 5x210 MW units. The latest estimated costs for Units 1, 2 and 3 are Rs. 2754.55 crores and Rs. 911.32 crores respectively.

(c) M/s Development Consultants Ltd., Calcutta, India and M/s EPDC International, Japan, are, respectively, the Indian Consultants and the review consultants for Units 1, 2 and 3 of this Project.

Petroleum Gas Bottling Plants

2357. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation has decided to set up four liquefied petroleum gas bottling plants in Southern States;

(b) if so, the total cost involved therein;

(c) the places where these plants are likely to be set up; and

(d) by what time the work on these plants are to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d). The details of the LPG bottling plants being set up by Indian Oil Corporation in the Southern States are as under. The project cost of these plants is estimated at about Rs. 163.55 crores.

State		Location	Date by which the work Started/will start
Andhra Pradesh	1.	Cuddapah	Aug., 1994
Andhra Pradesh	2.	Cherlapally (Secunderabad)	April, 1996
Kerala	3.	Quilon	Feb., 1995
Tamil Nadu	4.	Madras (Ennore)	30 months from Land Takeover/Board Approval.
Tamil Nadu	5.	Madurai	April, 1996
Tamil Nadu	6.	Trichi	Feb., 1994
Tamil Nadu	7.	Mayiladuthurai	July, 1996

Clearance to Power Project

2358. SHRI PINAKI MISRA :
SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI :
SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM :
SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of power projects pending with the Union Government for clearance, State-wise and Project-wise;

(b) the number out of them, are State-owned, Centrally-assisted and joint ventures;

(c) the number out of them proposed with foreign collaboration;

(d) the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared; and

(e) the reasons for the pendency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). Detailed Project Reports for 14 Private Sector Projects and 15 State and Central Sector projects have been received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for accord of Techno Economic Clearance. The details of these projects are given in the Statement enclosed.